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PROCEEDINGS OF THE DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

MONTHLY ABSTRACT.

August 1, 1836.—The Local Secretary reported that he had completed the editing of the Domestic department of the seventh number of the Spirit of Missions.

Upon the report of the Committee on Southern Missions, it was *Resolved*, That Woodville and Pinckneyville be made a Missionary station, and that the Rev. John F. Fish be appointed to that station. It was also

Resolved, That Rev. Wm. C. Cooley, already appointed a Missionary to be located in Mississippi, be instructed to proceed to Natchez; and, on his arrival there, to consult the wardens and vestrymen of the church in that place, and to choose his location by their advice, and report the same to the Committee for their approbation.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Bishop Kemper's communication and the letters submitted by him, made their report. Whereupon, on motion, it was

Resolved, That this Committee regard with decided and warm approbation the scheme, an outline of which has been submitted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kemper, for establishing a college and theological seminary in Missouri; that they deem the same eminently calculated to promote the interests of sound science, the spread of the principles of the Church, and the progress of religion; and that they earnestly commend it to the scrutiny, the favor, and the zealous aid of Churchmen.

Mr. Morgan resigned his seat as a member of the joint Committee on the business concerns of the Spirit of Missions, and Mr. Swords was appointed in his place.

Much business, not embraced in this abstract, was transacted at this meeting.

* In the absence of the Secretary and General Agent, the Domestic department of this number is edited by the Local Secretary of the Domestic Committee.

August 8.—The Local Secretary reported that he had been diligently engaged in the duties of his office; that he had continued to give attention to the publication of the proceedings of the Board of Missions; and that he had completed the editing of the Domestic department of the eighth number of the Spirit of Missions. He also reported the writing of a large number of letters, and the subjects to which they related.

The Special Committee on Missionary salaries and outfits made their report as follows:—

The Special Committee appointed to consider the expediency of increasing the salary and outfit of Missionaries, respectfully report, that they have given to the subject much reflection, and are decidedly of the opinion that, in order to procure well qualified Missionaries for the unoccupied field intrusted to the care of this Committee, a larger salary and outfit than has usually been given will, in some instances, be essentially requisite.

They recommend that the amount of salary appropriated to any station be regulated, as far as practicable, by the expense of living at that station, and the assistance which the Missionary will receive from those amongst whom he labors. To ascertain these particulars they propose that a series of questions be addressed to vestries and individuals applying for Missionary services; and that each Missionary be required to report annually to this Committee the amount he has received from his people, and how much may be expected from them in future; and that no station shall receive more than five hundred dollars from this Committee.

They further recommend that the outfit given to each Missionary shall be at the rate of five cents per mile for the distance he has to travel to the sphere of his labors, and, if accompanied by his wife, ten cents per mile: it being understood that the Committee are at liberty to make a special appropriation for children, should circumstances occur that render it necessary; provided, however, that such special appropriation shall never exceed ten cents per mile.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the foregoing report be adopted and that the principles therein recommended be carried into effect.

The persons composing the Special Committee making the report, were then appointed a special committee to prepare questions and instructions on the principles of the report.

The testimonial in favor of the Rev. Charles Smith being read, and the letters of Mr. Smith heretofore received being called up, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. Charles Smith, of the Diocese of Connecticut, be appointed Missionary to St. Augustine, Florida.

The testimonial in favor of the Rev. William Horton being read, and the letter of Mr. Horton received at a former meeting being called up and read, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Rev. William Horton, of the Diocese of Maine, be appointed Missionary to Saco, Maine.

Resolved, That Augusta, in the State of Maine, be made a Missionary station.

Resolved, That Bangor, in the State of Maine, be made a Missionary station.

A letter from the Rev. N. W. Munroe being read and the testimonial in his favor, contained in a letter of the third of May from the Rt. Rev. Bishop Otey, being called up, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That St. Francisville, Louisiana, be made a Missionary station.

Resolved, That the Rev. Nathan W. Munroe, of the Diocese of Tennessee, be appointed a Missionary to St. Francisville, Louisiana.

A resolution was passed authorizing the Local Secretary to employ a clerk to engross the minutes up to the present time, and to copy matter for the Spirit of Missions. Several of the members being desirous to be absent from the city, and there being no urgent business before the Committee, it was determined to adjourn to the twenty-second instant.

August 22.—The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper was present, and presided at the meeting this evening.

The Local Secretary reported the writing of a large number of letters, and the transaction of other business. He also reported that, the proceedings of the Board of Missions having been referred by the Board to the two Committees for publication, and by the respective Committees been referred to the Secretaries thereof, for that purpose, they had caused two thousand copies to be printed, and had sent copies to each of the bishops and clergy of the Church, and to the members of the Board of Missions, and of the Missionary Committees. He further reported that, in accordance with the understanding of the Committee at the time of their adjournment on the 8th instant, he had been absent from town a few days, but that he had no reason to think the business of the office had suffered by his absence.

The Special Committee, appointed to prepare questions and instructions on the principles of the report adopted at the last meeting, relative to the salary and outfit of Missionaries, recommended that the following questions, or those of similar import, be addressed to vestries or individuals making application for assistance.

1. What is the usual price of board per annum in your vicinity?
2. For what can a house be rented per annum, that would afford suitable accommodations for the family of a Missionary?
3. What salary would afford a competent support for a Missionary with a small family?
4. How much can probably be raised by the inhabitants of your town for the support of a Missionary the coming year?

They also recommended the following addition to the instructions given to Missionaries:—

To state in their report for the last quarter of each year what amount they have received toward their support from other sources than this Committee during said year; and how much they can reasonably expect the coming year; and what is the least amount that will suffice from this Committee.

A resolution was thereupon passed, adopting the questions and the addition to the instructions recommended in the foregoing report.

Among the large number of letters read at this meeting, were two of a very interesting character from the Secretary and General Agent, relative to his present tour.

In reference to a portion of one of them the following resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That the Local Secretary inform the Secretary and General Agent that his reasons for desiring permission to depart from their instructions, relative to the extension of the present tour, are satisfactory to the Committee, and that they approve of his returning to this city before going into the South-western and Western States.

In consequence of a letter received from several laymen, it was

Resolved, That Marshall, Michigan, be made a Missionary station.

The resignation of the Rev. Wm. C. Cooley, as a Missionary to Mississippi, was received, and, on motion, accepted.

Anson Blake, Esq., having resigned his seat as a member of the Committee, chiefly in consequence of ill health, his resignation was, on motion, accepted, the Committee expressing great regret at the loss of his efficient and valuable services.

The following joint resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That (the Foreign Committee concurring) the Secretaries of the two Committees be requested to take such order as they shall deem best in the distribution of the remaining copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Missions, the bishops and clergy of the Church, and the members of the Board, and of the Missionary Committees being furnished with copies, and one hundred copies being reserved subject to the order of the Board of Missions, and one hundred copies also being appropriated to each Committee for its use.

August 29.—The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper again favored the Committee with his presence.

On the report of the Committee on Northern Missions, it was

Resolved, That C. C. Trowbridge, Esq., of Detroit, be appointed Receiving Agent of this Committee for Michigan and Wisconsin Territory; Joseph Lovell, Esq., of New Orleans, for Louisiana; A. P. Merrill, Esq., of Natchez, for Mississippi; and J. Cleaveland, Esq., of Mobile, for Alabama.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Secretary and General Agent, if practicable, before making another Southern tour, to visit the States of Maine and New Hampshire, in order to collect information, and prepare the way for efficient Missionary operations in those States.

Besides other business transacted at this meeting, the instructions for Missionaries, heretofore adopted, were carefully revised and amended. They are now as follows :—

Instructions for Missionaries in the employment of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

It is considered the duty of all Missionaries in the employ of this Committee, in addition to the discharge of their clerical functions, agreeably to the obligations of their ordination :—

1. To be faithful as agents for the distribution of all Bibles, Common Prayer-books, Books and Tracts, furnished them by this Society.

2. To keep a journal of their Missionary services; of which an abstract, containing a statement of the number of such services and of the places where they were performed, and of the Baptisms, Marriages, Confirmations, Communicants, and Deaths, with any other facts throwing light on the state of their respective Missions, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of this Committee, at its office in the city of New York, on the first days of the months of January, April, July, and October in each year, or within ten days previous to the same.

3. To state in their report for the last quarter of each year what amount they have received for their support from other sources than this Committee, during said year, and how much they can reasonably anticipate the coming year; and what is the least amount that will suffice from this Committee.

4. Not to remove or be absent from their several stations without the permission of this Committee, except for some urgent and unavoidable cause; and in case of such removal or absence, the Missionary is required immediately to inform this Committee thereof, together with the cause of it.

5. To draw for their salaries up to the first days of the months of January, April, July, and October, in each year.

The draft should be in the following form :—

—— Treasurer of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church; at six days' sight pay to the order of —— the sum of —— dollars, being the amount of salary due me on the first day of [January, April, July, or October, *as the case may be,*] [instant, or last, *as the case may be,*] for Missionary services, of which a report was made on the —— day of ——.

[Signed,]

—— ———, *Missionary at* ——

The salaries of Missionaries shall commence from the times respectively of their entering on their duties at their stations.

No draft for salary will be honored, unless a report of the Missionary services for which the draft is made, has been sent to the Secretary of this Committee, as required by the second of these instructions.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

MONTHLY ABSTRACT.

August 2d, 1836.—Stated meeting. Owing to the absence of several members of the Committee from the city, a quorum was not present.

August 9.—Committee met. The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper was present and presided.

After prayers, and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the Secretary and General Agent reported, that he had communicated to the Managers of the Maryland State Colonization Society, the Committee's vote of thanks for the grant of land at Cape Palmas made to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the use of their Mission at that place; and that he had taken further measures for the distribution of the pamphlet on the Persian Mission, many copies of which, however, still remain on hand. He further reported, that several young gentlemen, (who, as candidates for orders, were pursuing their preparatory studies in the General Theological Seminary of our Church, or in that of the Diocese of Virginia, when a letter was addressed by the Secretary of the Society to the students in those institutions urging their attention to the work of foreign Missions,) have recently been ordained, and have signified their desire to engage in the service of the Committee. Some of them made written or verbal communications of their desires before their ordination; but were informed by the Secretary and General Agent, that it would be necessary for them to make formal applications after receiving orders, accompanied by the recommendation of the Bishop of the Diocese to which they respectively belonged. For the better information and action of the Committee in their several cases, the report proceeded to advert to each of the instances in which expectations were entertained of Missionary appointments, but the observations made, though important for the information of the Committee, it is not deemed proper here to insert. The following letters were then read:—

From the Rev. George Benton, appointed at the last meeting a Missionary to the island of Crete, on the subject of his proposed voyage; on reading which, it was

Resolved, That, in the event of Mr. Benton's expected marriage taking place before his departure, the Standing Committee on Missions to Greece provide for the passage of Mrs. B. &c.; that, for the first year, instead of a salary, the Committee will defray the actual expenses of this Mission; which Mr. B. is requested to keep within as moderate limits as possible. The Committee also agreed to furnish the Rev. Mr. B. with a few necessary books, and to allow of a temporary residence of himself and wife in our Missionary family at Athens, with a view to the better acquisition of modern Greek, and acquainting himself with the best manner of conducting the schools for the instruction of youth.

From the Rev. Thomas S. Savage, M. D., on the subject of his

proposed appointment as a foreign Missionary, accompanied with a recommendation of the Right Rev. Bishop of Virginia; whereupon the Secretary and General Agent was instructed to communicate to Dr. Savage the continued desire of the Committee that he would become the associate of the Rev. Mr. Southgate in the Mission to Persia, and also to signify to him that, in the event of his consenting to accept such appointment, besides his engagement in the immediate duties of the Mission, the Committee have a special view to his qualifications as a regularly educated physician, and believe that both as a minister of Christ and as a medical man, no fitter field can offer for the employment of his talents than that in which it is proposed his labors should be employed; and it was resolved that Dr. S. be further informed, that, should he accept the proposed service, the expected time of his embarkation would be the middle of October next, and that, if convenient, he employ the intervening time in a collecting tour for the benefit of the Mission.

From the Rev. Lancelot B. Minor, of the Diocese of Virginia, offering himself for an appointment as a Missionary to Africa, accompanied by a recommendation from the Rt. Rev. Bishop of said diocese, and a like recommendation of the Rev. John Payne, whose application for a similar appointment was read at a former meeting; whereupon Messrs. Minor and Payne were appointed Missionaries to Africa, to proceed to the western coast of that continent as soon as practicable next fall, the intermediate time to be employed by them in preaching and making collections for the Mission, and their outfit, passage &c. to be provided for by the Standing Committee for Missions to Africa.

From the Rev. John W. Brown, communicating his desire to be employed as a foreign Missionary; whereupon,

Resolved, That the Committee will be happy to avail themselves of the services, as a foreign Missionary, of the Rev. Mr. Brown, so soon as they are prepared to assign him a station, which would be suitable and agreeable to him; and that the Secretary and General Agent be instructed to confer further with Mr. B. on the subject.

From the Rev. Henry H. Prout, offering himself as a candidate for a foreign Missionary appointment, and suggesting Abyssinia as a desirable field. Mr. Prout's letter was accompanied by the recommendation of the Right Rev. Bishop of New-York, and with an essay on the necessity, utility, and practicability of such a Mission. The document just mentioned was referred to the Standing Committee on Missionary applications, to consider the same, and report on the expediency of a Mission to Abyssinia. In the mean time, the Rev. Mr. Prout was appointed a foreign Missionary, his compensation not to commence until a station is assigned him; and the Secretary and General Agent was instructed to inform him, that if he should wish to pursue a short course of medical study before he should be sent abroad, the Committee would assist him in the accomplishment of his desire.

Letters were read from the Rev. Mr. Carder, Local Secretary of

the Domestic Committee, communicating the concurrence of that Committee in the resolutions of respect to the memory of the Right Rev. Bishop White, and also in the resolution appointing a joint Committee to attend to the business concerns of the Spirit of Missions; James Swords, Esq., having been appointed on their part to act with Frederick S. Winston, Esq., appointed by this Committee.

From the Rev. John A. Vaughan, communicating his acceptance of the office of Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee.

From the Rev. F. R. Hanson, Missionary to China, dated Batavia, April 6, 1836, giving information of the progress and state of the Mission; referred to the Standing Committee on Missions to China.

From the Rev. Horatio Southgate, Jr., two letters, the first under date of May 31st, informing of his arrival at Havre; the second under date of June 23, communicating information of his arrival at Marseilles, and of his intention to proceed by the first opportunity to Constantinople by the way of Smyrna. The last two letters were referred to the Standing Committee on Missions to Persia, &c.

Extracts were also read from sundry letters from the Rev. John H. Hill, to his lady now in this city, giving an account of the favorable state of the Mission family, schools, &c., at Athens, since her departure from thence.

The Committee instructed the Standing Committee on Missions to Greece, to make certain inquiries in relation to the real estate of the Society in Athens, and to report on some points submitted to them for examination in relation both to the Missionary school buildings, and the house occupied by the Mission family in that city.

Other letters of business were read and disposed of; and the meeting closed with the passage of resolutions, on the report of the Finance Committee, agreeing to acceptance of a draft of the Rev. Mr. Hill; also to the adjustment made of his accounts, and to the placing at his disposal, by a credit in London, the funds necessary for the current expenses of the Mission under his charge, for the present year.

Adjourned to Thursday evening, the 11th instant.

August 11.—Adjourned meeting.—Committee met. Rev. Dr. Robertson, Missionary at Syra, was present. The Secretary and General Agent reported, that he had communicated to the Rev. Messrs. Benton, Payne, Minor, Brown, Savage, and Prout, the resolutions of the Committee, passed at the last meeting, in which they are respectively interested; to the family of the late Rt. Rev. Bishop White, the joint condolences of the two Committees; and to Mrs. Hill, for the Rev. J. H. Hill, the resolutions of the Committee passed at their last meeting in relation to his accounts.

He further reported his having received a letter from his elected successor, the Rev. J. A. Vaughan, from which he is led to hope that the Committee may have his services, during the expected absence of the present Secretary and General Agent on his proposed visit to Ohio the ensuing month.

The Secretary and General Agent reported the completion of his

proportion of service in editing the 6th, 7th, and 8th numbers of the Spirit of Missions, and his having, in conjunction with the Domestic Secretary, carried through the press, the proceedings of the late session of the Board of Missions; and also his hope of being able to attend to all the remaining correspondence and other business of the office, before his departure for the West, so as to render unnecessary his resumption of its duties on his return.

Letters were read from the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, proposing to be in New York soon after the 20th instant; from the Rev. James C. Richmond, respecting the appropriation of the interest of certain funds collected by him for a high school in Greece, which was referred to the Standing Committee on Missions to that country; and from Mrs. Emma Willard, Corresponding Secretary of the Troy Society for the Advancement of Female Education in Greece, which was referred to the Secretary to answer.

A resolution was passed directing a correspondence to be opened with the Rev. Mr. Hill respecting the means best adapted for securing to the Missionary family the continued occupation of the house built by him in Athens, and requesting the Standing Committee on Missions to Greece, on receiving the required information, to report their opinion to this Committee as to the course which it is most expedient to pursue.

A resolution was also passed requesting the Rev. Mr. Hill to transmit to the Committee the evidences of the Society's title to the school-buildings, and the lot on which they are erected.

After further consideration of the proposed Mission to Africa, it was

Resolved, That the Rev. Lancelot B. Minor and the Rev. John Payne be appointed Missionaries thereto, and that their station be at Cape Palmas in the Maryland colony at that place; that besides the customary outfit, expense of passage, &c., the salary of each Missionary be five hundred dollars per annum; that an advance be made them toward the necessary expenses of their proposed collecting tour, which is to be performed in any of the dioceses south of Pennsylvania, and that the Standing Committee on Missions to Africa adopt such measures in behalf of the Missionaries as may, with God's blessing, protect them against the deleterious influence of the climate, on their arrival at their place of destination.

The Rev. Dr. Robertson having entered into a free conversation with the Committee on the subject of the press department at Syra, and a communication from the Rev. Mr. Hill to Mrs. Hill having been read, in relation to some recent measures of the Missionaries in the Levant of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, for employing native presses in preference to their own, and also in relation to some laws said to have been recently enacted by the Greek Government, restricting the use of books in their schools to such as are printed at the Government press; it was

Resolved, That the Secretary and General Agent correspond with the Secretaries of the American Board with a view of ascertaining

what information they possess on these subjects, and what measures have been adopted in relation to the same.

After Dr. Robertson had retired, the Committee passed a resolution, declaring that, appreciating his motives for visiting this country, as stated by the English Episcopal Missionaries residing at Syra, and now more fully explained by himself, and hoping that he may be able to render himself useful in this country, in the promotion of the interests of the Mission under his charge, the expenses of his voyage should be defrayed by the Committee.

August 16.—Stated meeting. The Right Rev. Bishop Kemper in the chair. The Secretary and General Agent reported, that he had written to Mrs. Willard, Corresponding Secretary of the Troy Society for the Advancement of Female Education in Greece, on the subject of her last communication; to the Secretaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, on the topics mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting; and to the Rev. John H. Hill, conveying to him copies of the resolution passed at the last meeting, respecting the Society's property, &c., at Athens; that he had conferred with the Rev. Mr. Benton, respecting his Mission to Crete, with a view to his speedy embarkation; and also with the Rev. Mr. Prout, who accedes on all points to the wishes of the Committee; and with the Rev. Mr. Brown, who will make a further communication of his views. The Secretary and General Agent further intimated his intention to submit to the Committee some views in relation to the African Mission, stated by the Right Rev. Dr. Meade, Assistant Bishop of Virginia, in a private letter to himself. He also informed the Committee that the seventh number of the Spirit of Missions is published; that the editing of the eighth number is finished; and that before his departure for the West, he expects to furnish all the matter required for the ninth number. Considerable delay in the publication of the Spirit of Missions, and the proceedings of the Board has been occasioned by the removal of the Protestant Episcopal Press establishment to a new location. The Secretary and General Agent added his expectation, if agreeable to the Committee, of leaving home for Ohio on Monday, the 29th instant.

A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Savage, suggesting some doubts that had arisen in his mind in regard to his proposed appointment as the associate of the Rev. Mr. Southgate in the Mission to Persia; which, in the opinion of the Committee, not affording any ground for the delay of his appointment, he was accordingly appointed to that station, and was referred to former resolutions, giving the views of the Committee in reference to his duties, and especially to the importance of his medical qualifications in aiding the more immediate objects of the Mission.

The Committee took up for consideration the subject of the African Mission, in connection with the letter above referred to from Bishop Meade, when the following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That, in view of the short period that will elapse between

the present time and that proposed for the departure of Messrs. Minor and Payne to Africa, and the importance of making provision for their safety and comfort on their arrival at their place of destination; and in view also of the prospect of the establishment of a college on the western coast of Africa, in which it has been suggested they might be authorized, if opportunity offered, to take a part, in regard to which latter point much inquiry and examination will be requisite to enable the Committee to determine on the proper course to be pursued; therefore, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient to postpone the departure of the Missionaries to Africa to a later period than that proposed in the former resolutions of the Committee.

Resolved, That the African Committee, in the meantime, inquire, and report to this Committee their views in respect to the expediency and practicability of the Missionaries of this Committee being in any way connected with the proposed college in Africa.

Resolved, That the said Committee inquire, and report whether any, and what, measures are expedient to be taken previous to the departure of the Missionaries, in reference to their accommodation with a suitable house for their residence, and the expense which will attend the same.

Resolved, That, in pursuance of former resolutions, the Rev. Messrs. Payne and Minor be requested to proceed as soon as possible on their proposed collecting agency.

The Committee, understanding that the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, the elected successor of the Rev. Dr. Milnor in the office of Secretary and General Agent of this Committee, will probably be prepared to supply his place in the Foreign Office during his proposed absence from the city,—

Resolved, That they would gladly avail themselves of the services of Mr. Vaughan during the absence of Dr. Milnor, and expressed their approval of the visit of the latter to the Convention of Ohio, to be held at Cleveland on the 8th of September next, requesting Dr. Milnor, when practicable, to excite attention to the cause of Missions in other places, and referring to his discretion the time to be occupied in these duties.

In reference to the expected departure of Mrs. Hill to resume her duties in the Missionary schools at Athens, it was

Resolved, That this Committee approve and applaud the zeal, tempered by prudence and sound discretion, with which Mrs. Hill has endeavored to promote the interests of the Mission in Greece during her brief sojourn in her native land; and they desire her to be assured that the earnest prayers and best wishes of the Committee will attend her on her expected return to the duties of her station, as well as for an abundant blessing from God on her future labors; and further, that she be requested to communicate to her respected partner, and all those associated in the Missionary work at Athens, the affectionate regards of the Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee are gratefully impressed by the very great Christian courtesy, generosity, and kindness, which have

been manifested by Charles H. Bracebridge, Esq., and his amiable lady, toward our Mission at Athens, and its principal conductors, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, and that they be respectfully requested to receive the cordial thanks of this Committee for the same.

Resolved, That Thomas Sands, Esq., of Liverpool, be respectfully requested to inquire whether insurance can be effected in England on the Society's Missionary school-buildings at Athens, and if the same can be done at a rate of premium not exceeding one per cent., the same be effected, &c.

A communication from the Rev. Dr. Robertson, of considerable length, and involving some very important points, in reference to the press department at Syra, was read, and referred to the Committee on Missions to Greece, to consider and report thereon.

August 26. Special meeting. The Secretary and General Agent reported that Mrs. Hill had sailed in the packet ship *Virginian* (the 24th) on her return to Athens. He had received from Mrs. H., and paid over to the Treasurer, the sum of \$871 16, in addition to sums previously collected by her during her visit to this country. Of this sum, \$186 16 was "*for proceeds of work of the girls in the Mission schools at Athens toward extending to the Chinese the blessings of the Gospel.*" He reported also a statement by Mrs. Hill of the present condition of the Mission schools at Athens.

He reported further, that, in compliance with instructions, he had written to C. H. Bracebridge, Esq., England, transmitting a vote of thanks; and to Thomas Sands, Esq., Liverpool, on insurance of buildings at Athens; also to the Rev. Messrs. Savage, Minor, and Payne, with resolutions.

The Secretary and General Agent stated that he was ready to proceed on Monday to Cleveland, Ohio, at the earnest request of the Rt. Rev. Bishop McIlvaine, to attend the Convention on the 8th September; that he purposed presenting also the claims of Foreign Missions at several intermediate places. The Rev. Mr. Vaughan had consented to act for the Secretary during his absence.

Two letters were read from the Rev. Thomas S. Savage, M. D., and the subject of his previous appointment to Persia fully reconsidered in view of his own sentiments, now so decidedly expressed, in favor of Western Africa; and it was

Resolved, That the Committee accede to his earnest desire, and appoint him a Missionary to the latter country, on the same terms as the Rev. Messrs. Minor and Payne are expected to engage in that service.

A letter was read from the Rev. Wm. Parker, Secretary of the "Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge," (England,) being in reply to one addressed to that Society by the Secretary of this Committee. Mr. P., with other facts, states that funds are raising for a Protestant Episcopal chapel at Athens, (see Correspondence.)

The Committee appropriated means for the outfit and passage of the Rev. George Benton and wife, about to embark for Cadiz, on their way to Crete, where he is to be stationed as a Missionary of

the Committee, and appointed him a fixed salary, to commence on his reaching Greece. Mr. and Mrs. Benton, accompanied by her sister, expect to sail on Monday, (29th.)

The Committee ordered the supply of stationary, immediately required for the press at Syra, as stated by the Rev. Dr. Robertson, and voted to request Mr. Howard of Boston to forward the same. They also authorized the Rev. Dr. Robertson, during his expected stay in this country, to preach on the subject of his Mission, and receive donations; and provided that his necessary travelling expenses in so doing be paid by the Treasurer. The subject of the press at Syra was referred to a committee, together with a communication from Dr. Robertson, stating the acceptable information, that a printer of this city, having very favorable testimonials, had offered to join the station at Syra in that capacity.

Letters were read from the Right Rev. Bishop McIlvaine; requesting the presence of the Secretary and General Agent at the approaching Convention at Cleveland; from the Rev. J. D. Carder, Local Secretary of the Domestic Committee, transmitting a resolution adopted by that body, requesting the Secretaries to act at their discretion in the distribution of the remaining copies of the Proceedings of the Board of Missions—this was concurred in; from the Rev. H. Southgate, Marseilles, 27th June, (see Correspondence;) from Mr. F. W. Porter, Secretary of the American Sunday School Union, transmitting a box of books for the schools at Athens; from Rev. W. A. Hallock, Secretary of the American Tract Society, making inquiry with respect to the appropriations needful for the Episcopal Missions abroad during the current year—referred to the clerical members of the Committee; from Rev. Dr. Anderson, Secretary of A. B. C. F. M., transmitting extract of letter from Smyrna, stating that disturbances had occurred at Syra, affecting, for a time, the peace of the several Mission schools, (see Editorial;) from Mrs. Hill, requesting permission to print at the Greek presses several small books and tracts, for which special donations had been furnished to her in this country—this was granted; from the Rev. Mr. Hill to Mrs. Hill, mentioning the disturbances at Syra.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DOMESTIC.

Some notice was taken, in the last number, of the success which has attended the Secretary and General Agent of the Domestic Committee in a tour to the West, on which he is still absent.

By a letter, dated Green Bay, August 11, 1836, the Domestic Committee are informed of his safe arrival at that place.

Interesting extracts from his letters are now furnished, exhibiting the warm and hearty reception which he and the cause he advocates have received during his journey to that place.

FROM THE REV. BENJAMIN DORR, SECRETARY AND GENERAL
AGENT OF THE DOMESTIC COMMITTEE.

Utica, July 19, 1836.

I arrived in Troy early on Saturday evening, and officiated in St. Paul's Church the next day in the morning, (6th Sunday after Trinity,) and in St. John's Church in the afternoon. Although many of the most wealthy and liberal families were absent from the city, yet the collection in St. Paul's was said to be larger than had ever been made on a similar occasion. It amounted to \$163 02, besides the "offerings" of the Church, \$61 62, and the contributions of the teachers and scholars in the Sunday school, \$80 22. The collection in St. John's Church in the afternoon was \$26 18: which is considered liberal by those best acquainted with the circumstances of that congregation. The whole of the above amount is \$331 04. You may soon expect a large subscription to the "Spirit of Missions" from that place, as an active and influential layman has consented to go round and solicit subscribers' names.

On Sunday morning last, (7th after Trinity,) I presented the claims of Domestic Missions to my old congregation in this city, and to the Church in New Hartford in the afternoon of that day. No collection was made in either of these places, the rectors of the respective churches having introduced the plan of systematic charity on the principle of monthly contributions, and having pledged themselves to have no collection at any other time. A portion of the "offerings," thus made, are to be appropriated to Domestic Missions. The Church at New Hartford will send their contribution in a few days; and I have no doubt it will be a liberal one. Several of my old parishioners, who have ever felt a lively interest in the sacred cause, have sent me their free-will offerings, and I expect to realize a considerable increase to the Committee's funds in this way.

Detroit, August 1, 1836.

On Sunday the 24th, (8th Sunday after Trinity,) I officiated all day in St. Paul's Church, Buffalo, to a large and attentive congregation. The collection, which was made in the morning for Domestic Missions, amounted to \$215 55, the largest that had ever been made in that church, and but for the absence of several of the most wealthy and liberal individuals of the parish, it would probably have been much larger. The Rev. Mr. Shelton received me with great kindness, and used every effort to promote the object of my visit. Indeed, I find the clergy every where disposed to welcome me most cordially, and to aid me by every means in their power.

On Wednesday I left Buffalo, in company with the Rev. Mr. Shelton, who took this opportunity to make a short excursion for the benefit of his health. We reached Detroit on Friday morning; and the next day Mr. Shelton rode out to Ann Arbor, with the intention of preaching there on Sunday; I remained at this place, and presented the claims of Missions to the very interesting con-

gregation here. With their usual liberality they contributed between four and five hundred dollars to Domestic Missions, besides thirty dollars, which have been given by the Sunday scholars for the education of an Indian child at Green Bay. There is, perhaps, no parish in our country, which contributes more liberally, or more cheerfully, than St. Paul's in this city. A blessing has evidently attended their bountiful bequests; for although they have been for a long time without a settled minister, yet the congregation has constantly increased, and was never so prosperous as at the present moment. Much of their success is owing, under God, to the unwearied zeal of C. C. Trowbridge, Esq., who always acts as lay reader, whenever they are without a clergyman.

Detroit, August 7, 1836.

The steamboat Michigan, for which I have been waiting, leaves this to-morrow morning, at eight o'clock, for the upper lakes. This is the first opportunity of going to Green Bay since my arrival at Buffalo. The Daniel Webster goes up on the 15th, and I hope to be able to return in her.

My success, thus far, has been much beyond my expectations. The collections already amount to about \$1,400 dollars. That in Detroit was \$473. On Wednesday, I visited Monroe, officiated there on Thursday evening, and returned here yesterday. I found the congregation very prosperous. The services of our Missionary there, the Rev. Mr. O'Brien, have been signally blessed. The collection made in the church amounted to the very generous sum of \$312 12, including a donation from an individual of \$100, and a pledge from another,—the Rev. Mr. Reighley, a Presbyterian minister,—of \$100 more, payable in six months.

MAINE.

The Diocese of Maine has, from time to time, been represented to the Church as suitable Missionary ground; but as yet little has been accomplished in it. The Domestic Committee have recently appointed one of its clergy a Missionary, and are anxious to send to it three or four other Missionaries as soon as possible.

Augusta, the capital of the State, and Bangor, one of its chief commercial towns, have been constituted Missionary stations; and there are other important places, in which that Committee feel called upon to aid in establishing the Church.

The extract below will be read with interest.

FROM THE REV. WILLIAM HORTON, MISSIONARY TO SACO.

Saco, July 25, 1836.

The prospects of the Church in Maine, as you probably well know, are indeed gloomy. You are aware that Maine is equal in

extent of territory to the rest of the New England States; and yet there are now but two Episcopal churches in it, where the regular ministrations of the Gospel are held, Saco and Gardiner. The church edifice at Bangor is not yet finished, and will not be at present, I fear, for want of funds. There are openings for our Church at several places—Augusta, the capital, Belfast, Wiscasset, Eastport, &c. But we must have help. It is all Missionary ground, as much as our farthest Western States. The resources of the State are just developing; population increasing with rapidity; and now is the time to take the tide, and, under the divine blessing, do something for our scriptural Church in the whole length and breadth of this land. I find that ministers of the Gospel generally regard the population of this State as the hardest they have met with to bring the Gospel to bear upon. I do not know how otherwise to account for this fact, than by referring it to their habits as a lumbering population. This is a kind of business which carries many of them back to the first stages of society, and throws them almost into the wilderness. They are necessarily, for a large portion of the year, drawn away from all religious and domestic influences. We are endeavoring to strengthen, under the divine blessing, the few churches we already have established, and to search out the openings which may be presented to our Communion. There is reason for believing that a church might soon be established at Augusta, if we can have the right man, and receive encouragement from the Domestic Committee. I do hope that this State will enjoy a large share in your consultations and your prayers.

WISCONSIN.

FROM THE REV. SOLOMON DAVIS, MISSIONARY TO THE ONEIDAS
AT DUCK CREEK.

Duck Creek, June 10, 1836.

My last communication was dated at the island of Mackinac, where, through the good providence of God, I arrived after a most perilous voyage, and where I was placed under the necessity of remaining until the navigation opened in the spring. To a small, but respectable congregation at that place, the word was regularly dispensed during the winter. Some part of the time I gave instruction to a Bible class, composed of soldiers, at the fort. In addition to those duties, I baptized one child, performed the marriage service twice, and buried two persons. One of them, Charlotte Jane Schoolcraft, belonged to the Chippewa tribe of Indians, and was in the seventeenth year of her age. She died in the faith. I had previously administered the holy communion to her, at the residence of H. R. Schoolcraft, Esq., by whose lady she had been piously instructed. From that time to the time of her departure, (which was about ten days,) she might be truly said to have been in the full enjoyment of that "peace which passeth all understanding." From her humble station here, we have abundant reason

to hope that she is now exalted to that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Although the Church service had never before been performed on the island, I found a few who were heartily attached to this primitive mode of worship, and who joined in the responses with sincerity and devotion. On Easter-day I administered the Lord's supper to eight persons. Among this number were an officer of the United States' army and his lady, who were then, for the first time, admitted to that holy ordinance.

I left Mackinac on the 11th day of May (which was as soon as the ice would permit) for my present abode; not, however, without the hope that some good had been there done in the name of the Lord Jesus. Previous to my departure, I made arrangements with the officer above alluded to, to perform service as lay reader on Sundays, and left with him Bishop Hobart's Sermons for that purpose. Great is his attachment to our beloved Zion. May the Lord prosper him in this laudable undertaking, and make him the instrument of much good.

I arrived at Green Bay on the third day after leaving Mackinac, and on the following day, (Sunday, May 15th,) rode to Duck Creek, and preached to the Oneidas, the congregation being already assembled when I arrived. They listened to the word with attention, and manifested much joy at the commencement of my labors among them. The same week I removed my family to Duck Creek.

On the 25th of May, I attended a council of the chiefs. We had an interesting conversation in regard to the establishment of a school in connection with this Mission, for which they are very desirous, and for the support of which they expressed a willingness to pay \$100 annually. This is the extent of their ability, and I have encouraged them to hope that a sufficient sum will be added by the Committee to support a teacher. I deem a school all important to the increase of this Mission. I am happy to have it in my power to say that my old congregation of Oneidas are evidently improving, both temporally and spiritually, and are still ardently attached to the Church. I conclude this letter by the following short extract from my journal:—

June 1.—This day was spent in visiting, and in religious conversation among my parishioners. On approaching a house at about the going down of the sun, I distinctly heard a person at prayer. I waited at the door till the *Amen* was pronounced, when, on entering, it proved to be the mistress of the family offering up her *evening sacrifice*. How gratifying and cheering to the soul to find one of my dear people thus employed! O God, hasten the time when this practice shall become universal among us—when every member of this tribe shall erect the family altar, and there acknowledge and adore thee, “the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.”

MICHIGAN.

The extract below presents, in a striking manner, the importance of taking early care of the members of our own household in the rapidly increasing towns of the West. The town to which it relates has been made a Missionary station, and the Domestic Committee desire to send a Missionary to it immediately.

The portion of the letter not included in this extract gives facts and reasons, from which it is apparent that the place is soon to become a large and important town, and the centre of an extensive influence in that new State.

FROM SEVERAL LAYMEN AT MARSHALL, CALHOUN COUNTY.

Marshall, July 14, 1836.

Under these circumstances, we feel that Marshall is soon to become a place of much importance. Its population is rapidly increasing, and that, too, of a highly creditable character. So far as it regards the intelligence and moral character of our citizens, we believe that they are not surpassed by any town in the Territory. A large proportion of our inhabitants are from New York and the New England States, young men who have been educated in the schools and universities of the East.

But so far as it respects the matter of churches and religious privileges we are deficient. The only building in the place which is used for the purpose of public worship is a school-house, which is occupied alternately by two other denominations. The consequence is, that never all who wish to attend public worship can get into the house; and many are thus debarred the privilege of attending any where. Arrangements are, however, now making by one of these denominations to put up a church, and the other will undoubtedly soon make an effort to do the same. It is of great importance, therefore, that whatever is done by the Episcopalians should be done immediately. The number of Episcopalians, and of those who would prefer our form of worship, now here, we think we may safely put at two hundred, and probably there are many more. The number of communicants is at present small, probably not exceeding a dozen. But we feel confident, that had we a church, and a worthy rector to take charge of the same, in three months we should have a very respectable congregation, and many would undoubtedly be added to the communion. Indeed, such is the great want of religious privileges among us, that our house would be filled immediately; and our great desire is not to let so favorable an opportunity for building up a respectable church in this place pass unimproved until others may have preoccupied the ground. We have been enabled to obtain a very central site for a church, and have already raised among ourselves four hundred dollars by subscription for the building. Our design is to put up, immediately, a building which will accommodate from three hundred to four hundred persons, which building we may hereafter dispose of, or use as a vestry-room, whenever we

are able to build a large church: this we trust is not far distant. The lumber has been engaged, and we are determined to have the building completed by the middle of September next, if possible. But we want help. Our building will probably cost not far from \$1,000 dollars, and then we must support our pastor.

ILLINOIS.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the Bishop of Illinois has returned to his diocese, and entered again upon a field of great labor and self-denial. He had been absent several months, (during which the diocese was under the provisional charge of Bishop Kemper,) engaged in an endeavor to obtain funds to endow, or partially endow a theological school in Illinois, in which laborers might be prepared to go forth and aid in building up the kingdom of righteousness in that extensive State. A few thousand dollars have been placed at his disposal for the object contemplated. We understand it is his intention to expend this sum chiefly in lands, which may hereafter become valuable, and yield a partial endowment to the proposed school, and to erect thereon cheap temporary buildings which may serve for present convenience.

It is a step which will doubtless have an important bearing upon the Missionary work of the Church in that diocese.

FROM THE RIGHT REV. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., BISHOP
OF ILLINOIS.

Near Juliet, Illinois, Aug. 4, 1836.

I am this moment setting off for Peoria. Part of my family will be left here to wait the arrival, at Chicago, of my boxes from New York. In hopes that they had been received at Chicago, I went last week to that flourishing city; but was disappointed. It gratified my best feelings, however, to be entertained there with the most affectionate hospitality, and to have the opportunity to preach to a very crowded congregation, and to administer the rite of confirmation to two persons, and the holy sacrament of the Lord's supper to about twenty. I returned to this place on Monday, and preached yesterday (Wednesday) in the village of Juliet. I know of no place where a faithful Missionary of our Church could do more good than in this vicinity; for I believe it is destined to be among the most important places in the Western country. Within a few miles of Juliet is to be the first lock on the canal communicating the waters of the St. Lawrence with those of the Gulf of Mexico. This canal, from Lake Michigan to this place, is to be large and wide enough to admit of steamboats. The basin to receive them is to be like a harbor, so that even the vessels from the lake can navigate the canal to this place.

The town round about this basin is already laid out, and the lots are in the highest estimation. Where so many people will, for their secular interests, congregate, ought not something to be done for their immortal souls? And will not our Church, by this time, be convinced of her duty to be among the first to do good? Pray, for Jesus' sake, select some good and efficient Missionary to fill this station. He must be more than an ordinary man. If so, the excellences of our Church cannot fail, by the divine blessing, to command their wonted preference.

Where I shall locate our seminary I cannot yet say. My mind is continually exercised with the importance of the subject.

LOUISIANA.

St. Francisville, in Louisiana, was, a short time since, constituted a Missionary station, and the Rev. Nathan W. Munroe appointed its Missionary. Mr. Munroe has not yet apprized the Domestic Committee of his acceptance of the appointment.

The letter from which the extract below is taken, was written before the appointment was made, Mr. Munroe being, at that time, upon a temporary visit to the place. The parish is the one of which the Rev. Mr. Bowman (deceased last year) was rector, and is, it is believed, the only parochial organization of our Church in the State of Louisiana, out of the city of New Orleans.

FROM THE REV. NATHAN W. MUNROE, MISSIONARY TO ST.
FRANCISVILLE.

St. Francisville, July 14, 1836.

The prospects here look much brighter every way than they did when I first came. A Sunday school, commenced about the time I came here, now contains about fifty scholars.

When I last administered the communion, there were, I believe, between twenty and twenty-five who came forward and partook of the consecrated elements at my hands; which was a larger number, I am told, by two-thirds, than ever partook of the Lord's supper in this parish before.

The wardens and vestry have had a meeting, and resolved to pay off the debt of the church, which is about \$1,000. They have contracted with a mechanic to repair and finish the building, who is about commencing operations. My congregation is chiefly made up of people from the country, some of whom come no less a distance than ten miles. When I first came, I found the church wide open; the windows broken; the organ gone; the few Prayer-books torn in pieces; playing cards strewed about; and every thing looking like sin and desolation itself. There had not been any preaching in the place for several months, until one or two Sundays just before my coming, when three other denominations seemed aroused to a sense of the importance of doing something for the place; and, singularly enough, made appointments

for preaching for several Sundays in our church, though the house of worship belonging to one of them is only a stone's throw distant. These appointments, as you may suppose, rather interfered with my own; but I always politely gave way to them, only requesting, when present, to be allowed to read the Church service; a practice, perhaps, rather discommoding to some of the preachers. After a while appointments ceased to be made; and now for some Sundays I have had each succeeding Sunday a larger congregation, and one apparently more devout as well as more orderly in deportment.

FOREIGN.

MISSION TO PERSIA.

We publish the whole of the following letter in order that the friends of the Persian mission, and of the Rev. Mr. Southgate, may be gratified by the information which it gives of his encouraging progress toward the scene of his future labors. The Secretary and General Agent of the Foreign Committee will be happy to forward to their respected Missionary any letters (not boxes or packages) which may be transmitted to him, post paid, by any of his friends. Boxes and packages should be forwarded (expenses paid) to the care of Benjamin Howard, Esq., 16 Central Wharf, Boston, for the purpose of being sent to Constantinople, via Smyrna.

Marseilles, June 27, 1836.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—It was so ordered by a kind Providence, that I arrived here just in time to secure an unusual good passage to Constantinople, and that without any more delay than I could have desired. I have obtained a berth on board of a French brig which is to sail to-morrow evening, or the next day, directly for Constantinople. She is a more comfortable vessel than is often found in the Mediterranean, having a cabin on deck, and good accommodations for passengers, while the date of her sailing has left me just sufficient time to arrange my business here and to write my letters. That she goes immediately to Constantinople is also favorable, as the expense is very considerably less than if I went by way of Smyrna.

I have consulted with Mr. Fitch respecting a permanent arrangement for my letters. He recommends me to open a postage account with some house that has an agency in Havre, through which my letters may be forwarded directly by mail to Constantinople; the length of time occupied in passing from Havre to Constantinople being only twenty days. In this way my letters may always leave the United States within eight days, and after leaving, reach me much sooner than by any other route. I have written to Captain Pell, who kindly offered to make the arrangement for me before he left, requesting him to open the account in my name, on his return to Havre, with the house of Welles & Co. I hope that this letter

will reach you before he sails from New-York. If so, my first letters under this arrangement can be sent in the *Normandie*. But if she shall have sailed before this arrives, the arrangement will take effect immediately. My direction will then be to Constantinople, care of the American Charge d' Affaires, and in Havre, care of Welles & Co. It will be necessary to give public notice of my address in some of our papers, as most of my correspondents are expecting to learn it through them. I would suggest whether it will not be best, instead of giving my address itself, to request that all letters for me, be forwarded to the Secretary in New York, by whom they will be sent on at the earliest opportunity. This appears to me the best course, because many are not acquainted with the mode of sending letters abroad. Few know that it is necessary to pay the postage to New York, and, in this way, Missionaries often have much trouble with their letters. I cannot devise a more safe and expeditious arrangement for myself than this—to have every thing that comes to me by mail sent to New York, and from thence forwarded in the next packet, as I have mentioned. Packages, boxes, &c., will better come by way of Boston and Smyrna. If the Bibles are not already sent, perhaps it will be as well to delay it until Dr. S. embarks.

When you receive this, I shall, with God's blessing, be in Constantinople, already settled and at my studies. Thus far I have been prospered in all things; which gives me much to be grateful for in the past, and much to be encouraged by in the future. It affords me reason to trust that God has taken the Mission into his own hands; in which, I confess, lies my only hope of its success.

I am anxious to see some of our religious journals. The Spirit of Missions you will, doubtless, send me. I should also be glad to receive some of our newspapers. Especially am I desirous to see every thing that may appear concerning the Persian Mission. Any thing and every thing that you may send me, will have to me a value that you can hardly estimate.

I am, most respectfully and affectionately yours,

H. SOUTHGATE, Jr.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.

The readers of the Spirit of Missions will peruse with pleasure the following extract of a letter from the Rev. Wm. Parker, Secretary of the Society, in England, for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, not only as manifesting a kindly spirit toward the Missionary operations of our Church, generally; but when taken in connection with the Rev. Mr. Hill's letter from Athens, as proving that the spirit of Christian love exists when our mutual operations abroad are found to meet. One lot in Athens is now to sustain an American Episcopal Mission school-building, and a chapel of the Church of England, in part reared by the Venerable Society above alluded to; and provision is made for mutual ministerial labor in the chapel.

Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, May 25, 1836.

I was exceedingly rejoiced on learning that a Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society had been formed under the immediate sanction and superintendence of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and I doubt not that this institution will prove a real blessing both to the inhabitants of the new settlements in America, and to our fellow-men in many distant regions of the world. The establishment of such an institution does, in my opinion, redound greatly to the honor of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and the consecration of a Missionary Bishop, whose field of usefulness will be so extensive, is an event of singular interest and importance.

One of your Missionary stations, I observe, is at Athens. It affords me much pleasure to inform you that the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has recently granted the sum of £100 toward the erection of a Protestant Episcopal chapel in that city. A proper site for the chapel has been provided by the Rev. Mr. Leeves, and I have reason to hope that the British Government will contribute liberally to the building fund. The whole of the contributions raised for this laudable undertaking will be placed at the disposal of Sir Edmund Lyon, the British Minister Plenipotentiary in Greece.

You may perhaps be aware that the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge has transferred the Missions in Southern India, which flourished for so many years under its superintendence, to the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. This transfer was made because the incorporated society is strictly a Missionary institution, in connection with the Church of England; and because it has been enabled by the extension of its charter to turn its attention to the British possessions in the East. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, however, still continues to render most efficient aid to the Missions and Missionary establishments in the southern provinces of India.

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF THE REV. MR. HILL.

Athens, June 6, 1836.

The arrangements are all made respecting the Protestant Episcopal chapel. It is to be built on the rear of our lot; the line has been run between us, and the wall is to be put up at the expense of the chapel subscribers, in consideration of my having ceded them more ground than they give me. Mr. Bracebridge is to send the plan from London. Sir Edmund Lyon yesterday deposited with me the letter he had just received from the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, granting the sum of one hundred pounds toward the erection of a Protestant Episcopal chapel in Athens. The resolution of the Venerable Society adds that "It is understood by the Board that the services in the chapel at Athens shall always be performed by a clergyman of the Church of England and Ireland, or of the American Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States."

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

This pamphlet has been issued from the press by the Secretaries of the Domestic and Foreign Committees, and has been extensively circulated among both the clergy and laity. It is an octavo of 136 pages, containing, besides the proceedings of the Board, the full and valuable reports of the Missionary Committees, and those of their Treasurers, &c. These reports afford delightful evidence that the Protestant Episcopal Church, having proclaimed herself a Missionary Church, has, by the blessing of Him who stirreth up the wills of his faithful people plenteously to bring forth the fruit of good works, begun to maintain and exemplify the character which she has professed. We commend the pamphlet to the attention of all into whose hands it has been, or may be placed.

Those who receive parcels for distribution in the several Dioceses are requested, as acting for the Church, to make such a use of them as will promote her Missionary designs.

REV. DR. JARVIS'S SERMON.

The learned preacher before the Board of Missions, at their late Annual Meeting, having acceded to the request of the Board for a copy of his sermon for publication, has, we understand, been engaged in the preparation of notes which are to accompany it. The Secretaries of the Missionary Committees expect soon to receive a copy of the work, when they will lose no time in causing its immediate printing and publication.

RECEIVING AGENTS.

The Domestic Committee have recently appointed the following persons their Receiving Agents, for the receipt and transmission of Missionary funds:—C. C. Trowbridge, Esq., of Detroit, for Michigan and Wisconsin Territory; J. Cleaveland, Esq., of Mobile, for Alabama; A. P. Merrill, Esq., of Natchez, for Mississippi; Joseph Lovell, Esq., of New Orleans, for Louisiana.

PLAN FOR A RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY INSTITUTION IN MISSOURI.

The Missionary Bishop, seeing the urgent importance, to the Church, of providing for the West, at an early period, the means

of educating and preparing candidates for holy orders to enter upon that extensive field of ministerial labor, which never can be fully supplied by a reliance upon the East, is, for a short time, engaged in putting into operation a plan for endowing or in part endowing a literary and religious institution, to be located in Missouri. The plan has been submitted to the Domestic Committee, and, as will be perceived by a reference to the abstract of their proceedings, has their hearty concurrence.

The great importance of such an institution to the spread of the Church in that section of the West is obvious, and we earnestly hope that the measure may meet with favor and abundant success.

SALARIES OF DOMESTIC MISSIONARIES.

The Committee for Domestic Missions, in their Report to the Board of Missions at the late Annual Meeting, expressed the intention of increasing the salaries of their Missionaries as circumstances should warrant; believing such a measure to be necessary in order to secure the more efficient occupancy of that portion of the Missionary field intrusted to their care. The subject was found to be one by no means free from difficulties, and has occupied much of the attention and consideration of that Committee. The result of their deliberations will be found in the abstract of their proceedings, published in the present number. The object at which they aimed was to inspire in Missionaries a reasonable confidence that they should not be left to want, and to afford evidence to the Church that no portion of the Missionary funds, intrusted to their care, should be unnecessarily or inappropriately expended. To accomplish this object in the most effectual manner, they have deemed it best to dispense with any regular scale of Missionary salaries, and, hereafter, to decide each case upon its particular merits. The principle now adopted will, in its practical effect, be a just one. Instead of giving to all the Missionaries, or to all in a certain section of country, the same or nearly the same amount of salary, there will be given to each such a sum, (never exceeding \$500,) in addition to what he may receive from other sources, as will afford him, in the judgment of that Committee, a comfortable support. The circumstances of each station, the expenses of living at it, and the amount contributed for the Missionary's support by the people among whom he labors, or from any other sources than the Domestic Committee, must, therefore, in all cases, be known before fixing the salary. The

instructions for their Missionaries have accordingly been revised and amended in such a manner as to elicit the necessary information for the action of that Committee in each case.

It is not intended to make any immediate change in regard to Missionaries already appointed and whose salaries have been fixed; but, as circumstances from time to time shall make necessary, the subject of the salary of each will be taken up and decided upon the principle now adopted.

The Domestic Committee are aware that, in making this change, they have very much increased the burden of their own work, but they are satisfied that its effects will be favorable upon the efficiency of Missionary labors. The faithful, laborious, and successful Missionaries will be sustained. Valuable practical information will be constantly flowing in to the Committee by whom they are appointed. A laudable emulation, it is hoped, will be excited among the people to whom the Missionaries are sent, to relieve that Committee, as soon as possible, from the burden of their support, in order that the Missionary funds of the Church may always be expended where they are most needed.

GREECE.

Letters from Rev. Mr. Hill at Athens, and another from Smyrna, received by the Rev. Dr. Anderson, Secretary of A. B. C. F. M. state, that disturbances had occurred in Syra, interrupting for a time, the different Missionary schools in that island. These disturbances appear to have been principally occasioned by a pamphlet, designed, by false charges against the Missionaries, to excite the inhabitants against the schools. The Rev. Mr. Hildner's school of six hundred had been broken up, and Mrs. Robertson's (continued during Dr. Robertson's absence) had shared the same treatment. In a few days, however, tranquillity was again restored, and the people were ashamed of the disgraceful proceedings. Strong measures (Mr. Hill writes, June 6th) had been taken at Athens to ensure quiet at Syra, and his last letter represents all ground of anxiety as removed. Of the six hundred in the schools of the Church Missionary Society under the Rev. Mr. Hildner's care, all but about ninety, had returned. Attempts had been made at Athens and Smyrna to excite similar outrages, but in vain. Let us be thankful to Him who can still the madness of the people.

The Rev. Mr. Benton, and Mrs. B. (accompanied by Miss Spencer, her sister) sailed from this port, in the Robert Adams, for Cadiz, on the 31st August. They expect to be joined by Mrs. Hill at Gibraltar, and to proceed together up the Mediterranean in the steamboat from Liverpool. Mr. B. will spend a short time at Athens, previous to his going to the island of Crete, where he is to occupy a new Missionary station.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Let the Church at large bear in mind that their Foreign Committee are increasing their Missions to Greece and its immediate vicinity, the fourth being now in prospect of early occupation; and besides these, that a second Missionary is expected soon to proceed to Persia; that three others are already appointed to Western Africa, where the way has, within a few months, been signally opened for Missions from our Church, and where the divine call is now too plain to be mistaken. But these new efforts in carrying forward the blessings of the Gospel, and light and peace, call for increasing exertions throughout the Episcopal Church, that the necessary funds may not be wanting. The Committee venture forward in faith, and they can assure the Church that great confidence may be reposed, under God, in those now to engage in these new fields. Especially is the door at length opening in Africa. Prayer has been answered, and the Committee will not doubt but they shall be cheerfully encouraged and sustained in their new responsibilities. When the good providence of God is thus providing men, and his gracious Spirit animating, as we trust, the hearts of so many of his ministering servants to enter upon fields of foreign labor, even the most hazardous, the means will not be wanting to carry them out and sustain them in their work.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Contributions received by the Treasurer of the Domestic Committee from the 1st to the 31st of August, 1836, inclusive.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Monthly collections in St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, by the hands of the Rev. Dr. Morss, - - - \$20 00— 20 00

RHODE ISLAND.

From the ladies of St. Michael's Church, Bristol, by the hands of the Rev. John Bristed, through the Local Secretary, for the Diocese of Kentucky, - - - 13 00— 13 00

NEW YORK.

From a lady of Ithaca, by the hands of the Rev. Dr. Rudd, - 5 00
 From the Female Missionary Sewing Society of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island, by the hands of the Rev. George A. Shelton, - 27 50
 From the children of two families, by the same hands, - 1 50
 One-half of the monthly "offerings" of said church, for July, by the same, - 7 83
 By the hands of Mr. David Gardiner, the amount of a collection in St. John's Church, Brooklyn, after a sermon by Bishop Kemper, on Sunday evening, July 24, 1836, - 133 40
 In redemption of a pledge at the Church of the Ascension, New York, from "a friend to Missions," - 5 00
 For the children of the Green Bay Mission, from the children and others of the Sunday schools of Mission churches in Vandewater-street and Varick-street, handed by Mr. Wm. R. Wadsworth, - 2 50
 From the family mite box, - 9 00
 By the hands of the Rev. Edward N. Mead, from the Missionary box of the Sunday school of St. Paul's Church, Sing Sing, for the Green Bay Mission, - 7 25
 From the Rev. Samuel R. Johnson, for Bishop Kemper's fund, 250 00
 From "a friend to Missions," - 3 00
 From the Rev. John McVickar, D. D., for Missions in Michigan, through the Rev. Wm. R. Whittingham, - 50 00
 In redemption of a pledge by a lady, at the Church of the Ascension, New York, in 1835, after a sermon by Bishop Kemper, but never called for, - 1 00
 From the Young Men's Auxiliary Education and Missionary Society, by their Treasurer, Mr. Wm. H. Townsend, toward the support of a Missionary in Indiana and Missouri, under Bishop Kemper, to redeem, in part, the pledge made by the Society at their late Anniversary, - 125 00
 From the Rev. Wm. Richmond, being his fourth annual subscription for the valley of the Mississippi, - 100 00— 727 98

PENNSYLVANIA.

Weekly "offerings" of Trinity Church, Carvendale, by the hands of the Rev. Samuel Marks, - 3 50
 By the hands of Thomas Robins, Esq., Agent, Philadelphia, as follows, viz.
 From Mrs. Mary A. Allen, annual subscription - 3 00
 From the Female Auxiliary Society of St. James' Church, Lancaster, being the third payment of their pledge of \$250 for the support of a Missionary at Memphis, Tennessee, per Rev. Samuel Bowman, - 62 50
 From Levi B. Smith, Esq., of Joanna Furnace, Berks county, for general purposes, - 30 00— 99 00

VIRGINIA.

From the Missionary Society of the Episcopal Seminary of Virginia, by the hands of Mr. Thomas E. Locke, through Mr. C. Goodrich, - - -	\$25 00	
By the hands of Henry Cary, Esq., from the Rev. H. H. Bean, of Christ Church, Washington, for Green Bay Mission, -	5 00	
"Offerings" of St. Mark's Church, Halifax Court House, by the hands of the Rev. Charles Dresser, -	15 00	
By the same hands, from Miss Ann Miller, of Pittsylvania co., Through Henry Cary, Esq., from W. H. Hubbard, Esq., Receiving Agent in Richmond, one-half of a contribution in St. Thomas' Church, Orange county, - - -	1 00	
Collected by the same, through the same hands, - - -	13 75	
Through the same hands, one-half of a donation from Miss Fulton, - - -	16 00	
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SOUTH CAROLINA.

By the hands of the Rev. C. Hanckle, Charleston, from Mrs. R. Hume, - - -	3 00—	3 00
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GEORGIA.

Contributed in June at the Monthly Missionary Meeting in Christ Church, Savannah, - - -	7 65	7 65
	Total,	\$946 88

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Treasurer of the Foreign Committee acknowledges the receipt of the following contributions during the month of August.

MASSACHUSETTS.

By the hands of B. Howard, Esq., Receiving Agent of the Committee for the Eastern Diocese, from the Evangelical Society of St. Peter's Church, Salem, through the Rev. Mr. Vaughan, - - -	\$20 00	
From Christ Church, Clappville, through Rev. Mr. Blackaller, contents of Missionary box, Clappville, - - -	15 82	
Missionary box, North Oxford, - - -	9 75	
Do. do., Cherry Valley, - - -	3 90	
St. Andrew's Church, Hanover, by Rev. S. G. Appleton, being monthly "offerings," - - -	25 00	
From Mrs. W. Grafton, through Mr. R. Slack, - - -	3 00	
From Mrs. Charlotte Field, of Guilford, - - -	1 00	
From St. Paul's Sunday school, Boston, being weekly contributions for seven months, for the schools in Greece, through Mr. S. Cutler, - - -	40 39—	118 86

RHODE ISLAND.

By the hands of Miss Jane Anthony, the monthly "offerings" of the past year of the Young Ladies' Prayer Circle of Grace Church, Providence, for China Missions, - - -	20 00—	20 00
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CONNECTICUT.

By the hands of Rev. G. Shephard, Rector of Christ Church, Stratford, from the Ladies' Association of that church, being the annual collection for the Greek Mission, -	54 10	
From the penny-a-week association of the same church, to finish the first year's payment of \$50, to support a Greek girl at Mrs. Hill's school, - - -	16 80	
Balance on hand of collections made at last-named church, at monthly concerts of prayer, for Persian Mission, -	14 10	
From Mr. W. S. Tyler, Treasurer of the Monthly Missionary, of Christ Church, Norwich, being one-half of \$64, received through James Swords, Esq., Treasurer of Dom. Com., -	32 00	
From Mr. E. F. Rogers, of Trinity Church, Brantford, -	5 00—	122 00

NEW YORK.

By the hands of Rev. G. A. Shelton, through the Secretary and General Agent, from the Female Missionary Sewing Society of St. James' Church, Newtown, Long Island, -	\$27 50	
One-half the monthly "offerings" of same church, for July, -	7 84	
From the children of two families of the same church, -	1 50	
By the hands of the Secretary and General Agent, from a lady of St. George's Church, New York, -	10 00	
From an Episcopalian of St. John's Church, Johnstown, -	3 00	
By the hands of the Secretary and General Agent, from Mrs. Gibson, for the education of teachers at Athens, -	5 00	
From Mrs. W. Jay, for the schools at Athens, -	10 00	
From the children of McDougal-street Sunday school under the charge of Mrs. Heaton, for the infant school at Athens, -	6 55	
By the hands of Miss Wood, superintendent, contributed by the infant children of the Mission school at the corner of Varick-street and Canal-street, -	1 40	
From H. Ibbotson, Esq., being an instalment on his pledge of \$100, given on the evening of Easter Sunday, at Ascension Church, -	25 00	
By the hands of J. Swords, Esq., Treasurer of Domestic Committee, as received through the Rev. K. Metcalf, rector of St. Mark's Church, Le Roy, from a friend to Missions for Greece, -	6 00	
By the hands of the Secretary and General Agent, being donations made to Mrs. Hill toward the education of teachers, -		
From Mrs. Wadsworth, -	5 00	
A teacher in St. Paul's Church Sunday school, New York, -	3 50	
From children, -	2 85	
From a friend to Mrs. Hill, -	50 00	
From W. W., -	5 00	
From H. G., subscription for three years, being first payment, -	60 00	
From the Rev. P. S. Chauncey, rector of Christ Church, Rye, being part of the "offerings" of that church, through James Swords, Esq., -	5 00	
From the children of the Sunday school of Trinity Church, Utica, for Mrs. Hill's schools, -	3 81—	238 95

NEW JERSEY.

By the hands of the Rev. Mr. Carder, from Christ Church, Shrewsbury, for African Mission, -	3 28	
From Christ Church, Middletown, for the same object, -	2 43	
From the Sewing Circle of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, through the Right Rev. Bishop Doane, being an annual appropriation in advance, for the support of a female teacher in the school at Athens, -	50 00	
From a lady in Burlington, being a donation to Mrs. Hill towards the support of female teachers in her school, -	20 00—	75 71

PENNSYLVANIA.

By the hands of the Secretary and General Agent, from the Missionary Society of Bristol College, -	115 00	
By the hands of the same, being a donation to Mrs. Hill, toward the support of female teachers, from some ladies in Philadelphia, -	10 00	
A family offering, -	10 50	
From Mrs. Curtis, of Arlington, -	2 50	
By the hands of Thomas Robins, Esq., Receiving Agent of this Committee for Pennsylvania, contributions by the Bible class of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, under charge of the rector, for Mrs. Hill's school, -	23 01	
From a Friend to Missions, per Mrs. Newbold, for Greece, -	50 00	
From the Missionary Society of Bangor Church, Churchtown, Pennsylvania, for the Greek Mission, per Rev. L. Bull, -	20 00	

From the Female Society for the Promotion of Christianity,
of Grace Church, Philadelphia, for the Greek Mission, to
be applied towards the education of native teachers, - \$50 00— 281 01

MARYLAND.

From Zion Church, Frederick co., by weekly contributions, - 11 15
From St. Peter's Church, Montgomery county, - 10 24
Ladies of St. Peter's Church, Baltimore, - 20 58
Children of Sunday school, - 3 50— 45 47

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

From some ladies of Alexandria, being a donation to Mrs.
Hill, for the education of teachers, - 4 50
Children in Alexandria, for same object, - 4 50
From the Rev. Mr. Daners, Mission schools, - 5 00
Two little girls, Washington, - 2 25
From the Rev. H. H. Bean, from the Domestic and Foreign
Missionary Society of Christ Church, Washington city, - 79 05
From the weekly contributions of said church, - 5 94
From the Sunday school of said church, - 16 74— 117 98

OHIO.

By the hands of Messrs F. T. Peet & Co., for the Greek Mis-
sion, from the children of the Sunday school of St. Paul's
Church, Chillicothe, being intended for a Christmas
"offering," but delayed by mistake, - 10 00
The avails of monthly "offerings" of the same church, to be
applied at the discretion of the Committee, - 11 00
From Mrs. C. A. Martin, of Bloomingburgh, to be placed at
the disposal of the Committee, - 3 00— 24 00

VIRGINIA.

By the hands of W. H. Hubbard, Esq., Receiving Agent of
the Committee for Virginia,
From the Secretary of the Female Episcopal Foreign Mis-
sionary Society, attached to the Monumental Church at
Richmond, for Greece, - 69 37
A lady of the same church, for Mrs. Robertson's School at
Greece, - 5 00
From St. Thomas' Church, Orange county, through the Rev.
W. G. H. Jones, being one-half of \$27 50, given for For-
eign and Domestic Missions, - 13 75
From Jane Howard, for African Mission, - 1 00
From do. do., for general purposes, - 50
Half of Miss Fulton's donation, for Domestic and Foreign
Missions, - 50
By the hands of the Rev. Secretary and General Agent,
through the Rev. Mr. Minor, from the China Missionary
box of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary of
Virginia, for China Mission, - 7 00
The following contributions were received through Thomas
Robins, Esq., of Philadelphia :—
From the Female Juvenile Mite Society of St. Martin's
parish, Hanover county, for the Greek Mission, per the
Rev. Mr. Bowers, - 13 00
From Mrs. S. Page, of Hanover county, for Persian Missions, - 2 50
From Mrs. Judah Nelson, of same county, for general pur-
poses, - 3 00— 115 62

GEORGIA.

Received from the Female Missionary Association of Christ
Church, Savannah, being one half of a sum contributed
by that society, to be equally divided between the two
Committees, - 41 00— 41 00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

By the hands of the Rev. W. H. Barnwell, rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston, from a family of that church, for Mrs. Hill's school, - - - - -	820 00	
From a member of same church, for Greek Mission, - - - - -	10 00	
From St. Peter's Working Society, for the China Mission, - - - - -	170 00	
From Rev. P. Trapier, for Foreign Missions, from the Missionary Association of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, - - - - -	14 00	
From the last-named Rev. gentleman, being one-fourth of the collections at the monthly Missionary lectures in Charleston, - - - - -	8 72	
By the hands of the Rev. P. I. Shand, rector of Trinity Church, Columbia, being the "offerings" of that church, for three months, - - - - -		
For general purposes, - - - - -	37 52	
For Greek Mission, - - - - -	24 82	
For China do., - - - - -	12 00	
For Persian do., - - - - -	4 95	
For African do., - - - - -	5 08	307 09

ILLINOIS.

By the hands of Mr. Isaac W. Hallam, of Chicago, contributed by Mrs. F. Mayill, of Fairview, for Persian Mission, - - - - -	3 00	3 00
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MISSOURI.

From Mrs. Robert, of St. Louis, through the Right Rev. Bishop Smith, of Kentucky, - - - - -	5 00	5 00
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Total amount, \$1515 69

Mrs. F. M. Hill, besides the receipt of various sums of money, during her visit to the United States, for the schools at Athens, which have been, from time to time, paid over to the Treasury of the Foreign Missionary Committee, and have been duly acknowledged by the Treasurer, in the usual mode, now gratefully acknowledges also the following additional donations:—

Miss Harland, for printing the Young Cottager, - - - - -	30 00
The teachers and children of the Church of the Epiphany, to be employed under the direction of Mrs. Hill, - - - - -	30 00
Cash, for same purpose, - - - - -	30 00
Also, six reams of paper, - - - - -	22 50
Six quires do., for covers, - - - - -	1 35
Twenty-nine metallic casts of cuts for books, - - - - -	7 25
Mrs. Sigourney, of Hartford, towards printing "The Way to be Happy," - - - - -	20 00

Various articles for the Mission family at Athens, contributed by many friends, through Mrs. F. S. Winston:—

From Mr. J. W. Mulligan, jr., a box of stationary,
Through Mrs. P. G. Arcularius, a barrel of brown sugar,
From Mr. Adolphus Lane, several pieces of book muslin, &c.
From Mrs. F. T. Peet, Brooklyn, a piece of fine calico,
From ladies in Brooklyn, by Mrs. Cutler, various useful articles.

From ladies of St. James' Church, Philadelphia, a box of clothing.

From Mr. William Shatzel, six pair of shoes for boys in school at Athens.

From Mrs. Stott, of Philadelphia, two stoves.

From J. B. Jansen, a small parcel of stationary, for Mrs. Hill's personal use.